



KING COUNTY
FIRE INVESTIGATOR II
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Hourly Rate Range: \$26.4359 – \$33.5090
Job Announcement: 04WM4705
OPEN: 1/26/05 CLOSE: Open Continuous

WHO MAY APPLY: This position is open to the general public

WHERE TO APPLY: Required forms and materials **must** be sent to: **900 Oakesdale Avenue SW, Renton, WA 98055 OR DDES, mailstop OAK-DE-0100**. Contact Julie Kyle at 296-6617 for further inquiries. **PLEASE NOTE:** Applications not received at the location specified above may not be processed.

FORMS AND MATERIALS REQUIRED: A [King County application form](#), resume and letter of interest detailing your background and describing how you meet or exceed the requirements are required.

WORK LOCATION: 900 Oakesdale Avenue SW, Renton, WA.

WORK SCHEDULE: This full-time position is overtime eligible. It works a 40-hour workweek; Monday through Friday. Also works varied shift assignments on a scheduled or emergency basis, including weekends and holidays.

PRIMARY JOB DUTIES: The responsibilities of this classification include investigating fires to determine their origin and cause, including conducting criminal follow-up investigations for those fires determined to be incendiary. Primary job duties include:

1. Investigate and determine the origin and cause of fires in unincorporated King County, and incorporated cities having interlocal or mutual aid agreements with King County.
2. Prepare detailed reports for owners, fire departments, other agencies and the King County Prosecutor's Office.
3. Conduct criminal follow-up investigations including detection, apprehension and prosecution of arson suspects.
4. Provide expert testimony in court for both criminal and civil cases.
5. Perform on call standby duties in addition to the standard workweek.
6. Prepare summary reports as requested by supervisor.
7. Work as a team member during large investigations and independently as a primary investigator.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES

1. Ability to maintain effective professional relationships with other employees.
2. Skill in communicating effectively, orally and in writing.
3. Ability to handle strenuous physical tasks such as digging, lifting and climbing.

4. Ability to handle physical emotional stress resulting from extraordinary work demands, long hours, dangerous situations and fire investigations with victim suffering, serious and/or fatal injuries.
5. Ability to work varied shift assignments on a scheduled or emergency basis, including weekends and holidays

PREFERRED KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES:

1. Knowledge of fire and building codes.
2. Knowledge of basic fire science.
3. Knowledge of criminal law as it relates to arson investigation.
4. General knowledge of fire scene safety practices.
5. Knowledge of National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Standard 921 for Fire and Explosive Investigations, and other applicable codes and procedures.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S):

1. An offer of employment will be contingent on the success of a pre-employment physical and psychological examination.
2. Applicants must obtain a special police commission that will include a complete background investigation, including polygraph examination.
3. Applicants must have or be able to obtain within thirty days from the date of employment, a valid Washington State driver's license, unrestricted except as to vision.
4. Applicants must be able to respond to any locations within contiguous King County within 60 minutes (with the exception of the Skykomish area, the Greenwater area, and Vashon Island).
5. The successful candidate will serve a six-month probationary period, subject to extensions up to twelve months.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

1. At least five years minimum full-time experience performing fire investigations; or a minimum of four years experience as a law enforcement officer or as a career firefighter and one year of experience performing fire investigations.
2. It is also highly desired that the successful candidate also be a Certified Fire Investigator recognized by the State of Washington.

UNION MEMBERSHIP: Positions in this classification are required to join the Local 519, Public Safety Employees Union within 30 days of employment.